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In re Patent Application of:  
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Examiner: Ella Colbert

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FINDING  
HIDDEN PATTERNS IN THE CONTEXT OF  
QUERYING APPLICATIONS

MS: Non-Fee Amendment  
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 3, 2005, applicants submit the following summary of the telephone interview that took place March 14, 2005 between and among the undersigned representative, Examiner Colbert and the Examiner's supervisor Vincent Millin.

Applicants thank the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor Millin for many courtesies extended to the undersigned representative during the telephone interview of March 14, 2005.

Among the issues discussed during that interview was whether the final office action dated December 22, 2004 was properly issued in light of the fact that applicant

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properly addressed the prior art rejections specified in the office action dated July 12, 2004. In the July 12, 2004 office action, the Examiner rejected claims based on the Yianilos patent in view the Adar patent (these rejections were previously made in the office action dated August 9, 2002 which was overcome by the applicant). In the final office action dated December 22, 2004, the Examiner incorrectly asserted that the applicant did not address her rejections based on the Graffe patent in view of the Adar patent. However, as previously stated herein, the prior office action dated August 9, 2002 contained only prior art rejections based on the Yianilos and Adar patents. That is, in the office action of August 9, 2002, the Examiner did not raise any prior art rejection based on the Graffe patent. This discrepancy was explained to and acknowledged by the Examiner's supervisor Millin. Additionally, the prior art rejections based on the Graffe patent was previously raised by the Examiner in the office action dated October 30, 2003. In response to the October 30, 2003 office action, applicants submitted a declaration on March 31, 2004 which antedated the Graffe patent.

In light of this, the undersigned representative had a telephone interview with the Examiner on January 13, 2005 to discuss the merits of the Examiner's final office action of December 22, 2004. At the January 13, 2005 telephone interview, Examiner Colbert requested that the undersigned representative resubmit the declaration filed on March 31, 2004 to antedate the Graffe patent. Also, she indicated that she will withdraw finality of the office action and re-issue the office action. Further, the Examiner suggested that applicant spell out the words "max" and "min" in the claims, and respectively amend the words "pre-computed greatest-valued list" and "pre-computed least-valued list" to "pre-computed greatest-value list" and "pre-computed least-value list". On February 11, 2005, the undersigned representative submitted an amendment amending the claims as suggested by the Examiner and a copy of the declaration dated March 31, 2004 and its exhibits via facsimile.

To surprise of applicants, Examiner issued an advisory action on March 3, 2005 indicating that new claims have been added in the Amendment filed on February 11,

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2005. The undersigned representative explained to the Examiner's supervisor Millin that no new claims were added in the February 11, 2005 amendment, which was acknowledged by the Examiner's supervisor Millin.

Based on these discrepancies, the Examiner's supervisor Millin instructed Examiner Colbert to withdraw the final office action of December 22, 2004 and the advisory action of March 3, 2005, and further instructed Examiner Colbert to issue a new office action within two weeks.

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Respectfully submitted,

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